MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): One or two Assistant Inspectors misinterpreted the circulars issued from the head office.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacharry I*): May I know whether in this particular case any amounts were realised?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Grants were released to the extent to which funds permitted.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Am I to take it then that the question of funds was one of the important questions that were given weight to by the department?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That does not follow.

Health of pupils in Vernacular Schools.

74. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the health of pupils in departmental vernacular schools is greatly affected on account of housing them in dilapidated and unhealthy buildings?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the department allots annual maintenance charges to each and every vernacular school in the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether maintenance charges include charges for repairing also?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Maintenance allotments are very small amounts. If within the allotment the floors could be repaired, they are done.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnatur cum Pattanapuram*): May I know whether there are as a matter of fact vernacular schools which are in a dilapidated condition?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, I am afraid I have to admit that.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether maintenance work is conducted by the P. W. Department directly or given in contract system?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Primary schools have an allotment for petty construction and repairs and the department arranges the work through contractors.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know how many vernacular schools there are in a dilapidated condition?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A few.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the approximate number?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Just now I can mention about 17 schools. which require most urgent repairs or reconstruction. A list of such schools was sent to the Public Works Department.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Then may I know the reason why Government are not allotting sufficient funds for repairing them ?

MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Funds are provided to the extent available.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Are not the Government aware that the condition of such schools is dangerous for the pupil's life and health ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The answer says that it is not dangerous to their health or to their life.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the parents have reported that it is dangerous to retain such schools as they may greatly affect the life and health of their children ?

MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : In cases where the schools are in a dangerous condition, the Government shift the school to a temporary shed. Sometimes the department takes a house on rent, whenever the school is found to be in very unsafe condition. Adequate steps are taken immediately in such cases.

Maximum number of students in School Classes.

76. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the maximum number of students that could be admitted in one class ;

(*b*) whether, in any departmental or non-departmental school, this number has been exceeded ; and

(*c*) if so, the reason for so doing ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) The member is referred to Rule 95 (*b*) of the Education Code as amended by the Government Notification R. O. C. No. 316 of 22/ Rev. E., dated the 21st July 1922.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Owing to the rush for admission.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : In reference to answer to part (*a*) will the member be pleased to give a definite answer ?

PRESIDENT : Was the Notification published ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It was published in the Government Gazette. May I read the rule, Sir ?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : That is a thing which took place some years back.

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